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### Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties Identify Top Community Health Concerns

**Eau Claire, WI – June 18, 2018** - The 2018 Community Health Assessment Planning Partnership Committee is releasing the top health concerns in both Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties. The top health concerns are identified through the community health assessment. This is a year-long process involving county health departments, local health care facilities, nonprofit organizations and community members.

The assessment helps the community prioritize the top health concerns in the county and working towards health improvement. As a result of the assessment process, partners can work together on initiatives that align with the newly identified health concerns.

The assessment includes information about how data was collected and used to determine the health concerns in the community. Both counties identified **alcohol misuse, mental health, and substance use** as the top health concerns.

#### Top Health Concerns

1. Alcohol Misuse
2. Mental Health
3. Substance Use

“The partnership could not have completed the assessment process without the active engagement and commitment of the community. We are pleased to have had more than 3,400 residents participate,” says Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil, Community Health Assessment Project Manager. “Alcohol misuse, mental health, and substance use are complex health issues, but we are committed to working with our community to create a healthier and safer place to live.”

To view the Chippewa County Community Health Assessment, please visit [www.chippewahealth.org](http://www.chippewahealth.org). Visit [www.ehealthycommunities.org](http://www.ehealthycommunities.org) for the Eau Claire County Community Health Assessment.

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**Community Health Assessment Planning Partnership Committee includes:** Chippewa County Department of Public Health, Chippewa Health Improvement Partnership, Eau Claire City-County Health Department, Eau Claire Healthy Communities, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Mayo Clinic Health System, HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital, and United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley.

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